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LIGHTING-CAUSED FIRE ON HERMITAGE POINT NEAR JACKSON LAKE

Interagency fire personnel responded to a spot fire in Grand Teton National Park on Hermitage Point along the east shore of Jackson Lake this morning at 10:00 a.m. The Badger Fire started from a lightning strike that hit the area about 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night as a storm passed through, according to multiple eyewitness accounts from boaters who were anchored near Sheffield and Dollar islands and used cell phones to notify Teton Dispatch.

A Teton Interagency contract helicopter transported two helitack crew members to the west shore of Hermitage Point, near Dollar Island, where the fire was burning near heavy timber with significant dead and down fuels. The initial attack crew was able to contain the fire at .1 of an acre by 2:00 p.m. Firefighters anticipate the fire being controlled by 6:00 p.m. this evening.

This is the 12th fire in Grand Teton National Park this summer and the 5th lightning-caused fire this season. The fire danger rating remains listed at Very High. For more information on fire activity in the greater Jackson Hole area, visit www.tetonfires.com.

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